

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE HONORABLE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES**

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Examiner: Zachariah Lucas

DICKSON *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1648

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed August 21, 2006, wherein the examiner indicated that the Appeal Brief filed August 10, 2006 was alleged to be non-compliant. While the applicant's question the fact that the appeal brief filed was non-compliant, the applicants have enclosed herewith a replacement appeal brief.

It is believed that no fees are required at this time; however, should any fees be required or should there be any credit for overpayment, authorization is hereby given to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975.

Respectfully submitted,

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